



Technical Update PK-2008-04

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Award Year Loan Submittal Requirements

This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. If that person is not you, please forward this update to the appropriate person.

Introduction

The purpose of this Technical Update is to announce a temporary relaxing of the edits for **Student's Academic Level (Field Code 270)** as described in National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Technical Update PK-2008-02, posted on May 23, 2008. Technical Update PK-2008-02 provided detailed reporting instructions to Perkins loan data providers regarding the requirement of reporting a separate loan per award year beginning with loans for Award Year 2008-09.

In response to concerns about the **Student's Academic Level (Field Code 270)**, NSLDS will relax the edits on this field for loan submittals until September 30, 2008. For those schools and school servicers that do not provide a valid code, NSLDS will apply the "N" academic level. The edits that are valid for loans with an "N" code will be applied. For those schools and school servicers that can and will provide a valid code, NSLDS will follow the edits as outlined in PK-2008-02.

NSLDS will enforce the new edits on Student Academic Level (Field Code 270) for loans reported on or after October 1, 2008, and expects that valid codes as listed in Table B-13 (supplied with PK-2008-02) will be reported on all loans for Award Year 2008-09 and beyond. If loans for 2008-09 have previously loaded with an "N" academic level code, those loans will require a valid code beginning October 1, 2008, and after, when submitting an update to the loan. For loans with academic years prior to 2008-09, "N" will continue to be a valid code.

All other edits as detailed in the Perkins DPI pages attached to the Technical Update PK-2008-02 not related to Student Academic Level will be implemented on July 1, 2008, for loans made for Award Year 2008-09.

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